

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02058-TSC**

SIMMONS v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/11/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/11/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6247167) filed by SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Deming, Stuart) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zeg) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 07/12/2019)

07/31/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by J. Michael King on behalf of SAMARA L. A. SIMMONS (King, J. Michael) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Katherine Boyd Palmer-Ball on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/19/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Palmer-Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 10/4/19. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/28/19. (DJS) (Entered: 08/28/2019)